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SUBJ: US PORT TO ISRAEL?

1. MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY REP CALLED EMBASSY SEPT 11 IN GREAT DISTRESS AT REPORTS CITING US EXPORT STATISTICS WHICH SHOW EXPORTS OF PORT RPT PORK LIVERS TO ISRAEL. WITH HEAVY MEAT PURCHASING BY HOUSEWIVES FOR JEWISH HIGH HOLY DAYS APPROACHING AND WITH GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO ASSURING THAT NO RPT NO NON-KOSHER MEAT IS IMPORTED TO ISRAEL, MINISTRY IS EAGER TO PRODUCE PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, US STATISTICS DO INDEED SHOW EXPORTS TO ISRAEL UNDER CATEGORY 0116040, PORT LIVERS, FRESH, FROZEN OR CHILLED AT 1,114,000 LBS IN 1972 AND 1,123,000 LBS IN FIRST SEVEN MONTHS 1973.

3. IS IT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN NAMES OF SOME RECENT EXPORTERS FOR OUR DISCREET USE WITH GOI? IS THERE ANY WAY TO CHECK POSSIBILITY THAT EXPORTS ORIGINALLY DECLARED AS DESTINED FOR ISRAEL HAVE BEEN DIVERTED TO OTHER DESTINATIONS? WE HAVE MADE CLEAR USG HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTROLLING SUCH EXPORTS, BUT WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL IN THIS TOUCHY ISSUE.

4. SOME OF US EXPORTS MAY HAVE BEEN ORDERED FOR RE-EXPORT FROM ISRAEL BY SHIP SUPPLIERS. THERE IS ALSO APPARENTLY LEGAL IMPORT OF PORT FOR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES IN OCCUPIED WEST BANK. KEATING

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